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Remarks

Rejections

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 14 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Office Action asserts that “[w]ith respect to claim 14, the recitation that ‘said container is a sachet holder’ is confusing since the container, as set forth in claim 1, is permeable to water vapor and holds the composition. The Examiner submits that ‘said container’ should be changed to read – said holder --.”

Applicants have amended claim 14 to depend from claim 21. Applicants have also amended claim 14 in accordance with page 2, lines 36-38 and page 6, lines 14-16.

Claim 23 has been canceled.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Acosta, Sr. et al. (U.S. 5,165,181). The Office Action asserts that:

Claim 23 has been canceled.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 3-5, 9-11, 14-16, 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Locke (U.S. 4,123,130) in view of Mason et al. (U.S. 4,547,381) and Wellinghoff et al. (U.S. 5,888,528).

Claims 1, 16, 18 and 19 have been canceled.

Claims 3-5, 9-11, 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 21 which has been allowed.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 9-11, 14-16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Locke (U.S. 4,123,130) in

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view of Mason et al. (U.S. 4,547,381) and Wellinghoff et al. (U.S. 5,888,528).

Claims 1, 3-5, 10, 11, 14-16 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable Acosta, Sr. et al. (U.S. 5,165,181) in view of Wellinghoff et al. (U.S. 5,888,528).

Claims 1, 16 and 20 have been canceled.

Claims 3-5, 10, 11, 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 21 which has been allowed. Additionally, claim 3 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Sodium "hypochlorite" has been amended to sodium -- chlorite --. Support is found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 10, 11, 14-16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable Acosta, Sr. et al. (U.S. 5,165,181) in view of Wellinghoff et al. (U.S. 5,888,528).

Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Locke in view of Mason and Hamilton et al. (U.S. 6,607,696).

Claim 22 has been canceled.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Locke, Mason et al., and Hamilton et al. as applied to claim 22 above, and further in view of Twardowski et al. (U.S. 4,683,039).

Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 21 which has been allowed. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13.

Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Acosta, Sr. et al. in view of Wellinghoff et al.

Claim 24 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8 and 21 have been allowed.

Applicants have canceled the remaining claims without prejudice. This is for purposes of expediting prosecution of this application only.

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CONCLUSION

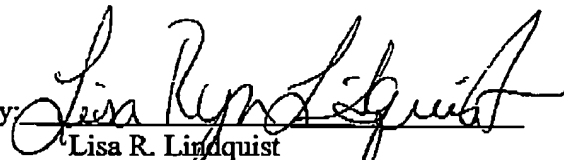
Claims 3-5, 7-11, 13-15, 21 and 26 are pending in the application. Claims 7, 8 and 21 have been allowed. The remaining claims have been amended to depend from claim 21. Applicants have addressed each of the issues presented in the Office Action and respectfully request an early allowance of the claims as presented. Should any issues remain, the attorney of record may be reached at (952)563-3011, to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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